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DATE 10/25/2015

NEWS RELEASE

Female Purse Snatcher Arrested

Date: 10/23/2015
Location: 6101 Gateway West
Time: 11:55 hours a.m.
Arrested: 23- year old Reonna Hallion of California
Victim#1: 30-year old Diana Villanueva of El Paso
Victim#2: 4-year old male

EL PASO, TEXAS: Central Regional Command officers responded to the Marshall's parking lot at Basset Center on a robbery. A 23-year old female ruthlessly attacked a woman and the woman's 4 year old child in an attempt to steal the woman's purse. The victim was holding her 4 year old son's hand walking along the Marshall's sidewalk when 23 year old Reonna Hallion grabbed the victim's purse and forcefully pulled on it. The force flung both victims onto the ground causing them injuries. The offender then pepper sprayed and punched the 30 year old victim in the face and dragged her, as the victim hung onto her purse. Several witnesses at the scene told the offender to stop but the offender continued, asserting that she, was being robbed. The offender attempted to pepper spray an elderly gentlemen who tried to intervene but instead sprayed herself. An off-duty officer who arrived on the scene saw the offender fleeing and followed her to a nearby hotel where she was taken into custody by plain clothes TAC officers. Both victims were treated for minor injuries at the scene by Fire Medical Services.

The offender was booked into the El Paso County Detention facility under a \$50,000 bond for Robbery and a \$20,000 bond for injury to a child.

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